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A Summary of the Exhibit

CARE OF DAIRY BULLS

A special booth exhibit showing the methods whereby bulls may be handled with safety; and other practices of interest to owners.

Specifications

Floor space - - - - - 10 ft. front, 2 ft.  
Wall space - - - - - None. (3 in deep.  
Shipping weight - - - - - 450 lbs.  
Electrical requirements - None.



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### How It Looks

The center section of this exhibit is a representation of a portion of a barn with the upper doors pushed back and a bull in the doorway. The bull is seen with a staff and rope attached to a ring in his nose. The words "Safety first with all bulls" are painted in large letters just below the bull's head. This section also displays a complete set of tools for trimming the bull's hoofs, and pictures of trimmed and untrimmed hoofs. The text to the right of the bull gives a properly balanced feed mixture for the bull.

The left section shows, by three colored enlarged pictures, ways to exercise bulls. The right section shows, by pictures, the steps necessary to ring a bull properly. The booth is 10 ft. across the front, 2 ft. 3 in. deep, and 7 ft. 11 in. high.

### What It Tells

This exhibit shows the necessity of proper care and management for the herd sire. Many valuable bulls are lost for breeding purposes because they are not properly taken care of. The main causes for such losses are believed to be lack of exercise, too heavy service, especially when young, and improper feeding.

Reports are often seen where persons have been killed or seriously injured as a result of being attacked by unruly bulls. Also many valuable bulls are slaughtered because they are unruly. Most accidents could be avoided and many of these valuable bulls could be retained for service if proper pens and barns were available for handling the bulls.

A correct method of ringing a bull by means of a trocar and canula is shown. It is necessary to trim the hoofs of most bulls occasionally to keep them active on their feet.

Proper methods of exercising bulls consist of allowing the bulls a strongly built paddock or yard of sufficient size to give the bull walking exercise.



Various other devices for encouraging exercise are also shown. One of these is the tread mill, which will serve the additional purpose of furnishing power. Another method is that of allowing two or more bulls to run in the same paddock, where they can play together and thus get exercise.

#### Where to Get Information

The following publications may be obtained free of charge from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Farmers' Bulletin 1412 - Care and Management of Dairy Bulls

Bureau of Dairying - - - Plans and specifications of the Safe Keeper bull pen.

